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Written Statement of Scott Sklar, The Stella Group, Ltd. regarding Comments on Yucca Mountain & High Level Radioactive Waste due January 10, 2008.

I am writing to oppose Yucca Mountain repository on behalf of national security. The ongoing mock security trials relating to penetration of nuclear power plants have shown that the majority of plants can be breached. In the post-September 11th world, we should not be transporting nuclear waste around the United States. Such transfers, in and of themselves, make each nuclear power plant more breachable by terrorists.

The January 2007 front page The Washington Post story about contractor, utility and NRC lapses in guard security at a Pennsylvania nuclear power plant just amplifies the weakness in the system. Aside from lacking the rigor necessary to insure that we do not have even one lapse, the potential for a major "event" from terrorism has too high a social cost.

Nuclear waste should be maintained within the perimeter nuclear power plant. Mini-repositories should meet concerns raised by the recent National Academy of Sciences report that pool storage of nuclear waste is susceptible to terrorism. Therefore, new approaches to secure waste at the nuclear sites is a critical priority.

Since my firm specializes in alternative energy technologies and security issues, I believe it was important to provide comments in this public hearing.

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